

REMARKS

Initially, in the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-5, 7-14 and 16-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0082351 (Westman) in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0249949 (Gourraud et al.). Claims 6 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Westman in view of Gourraud et al. and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0080897 (Tranchina et al.).

By the present response, Applicant has canceled claims 9 and 18 without disclaimer and amended claims 1 and 10 to further clarify the invention. Claims 1-6 and 10-15 remain pending in the present application.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections

Claims 1-5, 7-14 and 16-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Westman in view of Gourraud et al. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Regarding claims 1 and 10, Applicant submits that none of the cited references, taken alone or in any proper combination, disclose, suggest or render obvious the limitations in the combination of each of these claims of, *inter alia*, automatically associating a pre-defined timeout period with the visiting PTT/M equipped mobile device, or wherein the visiting PTT/M equipped mobile device is automatically de-registered after the pre-defined timeout period if it cannot be detected when the visiting PTT/M equipped mobile device has gone off-site. The Examiner asserts that these limitations are disclosed in Westman at paragraphs 40 and 41. However, these portions merely disclose that the list may be dynamically updated by deleting mobile terminals which leave the area where the computer may periodically update the list by requesting the mobile terminals to confirm their presence. This is not automatically associating a pre-defined timeout period with the visiting PTT/M equipped mobile device, as recited in the claims of the present application. Neither Westman nor any of the other cited references disclose or suggest these limitations. Westman merely discloses having mobile terminals periodically confirm their presence and updating the list accordingly.

Moreover, Westman does not disclose or suggest the visiting PTT/M equipped mobile device being automatically de-registered after the pre-defined timeout period if it cannot be detected when the visiting PTT/M equipped mobile device has gone off-site.

Westman discloses periodically updating by sending a request to all mobile terminals. This is not automatically de-registered a visiting PTT/M equipped mobile device after the pre-defined timeout period that was automatically associated with the visiting PTT/M equipped mobile device. The pre-defined timeout period starts at a different time for each visiting PTT/M equipped mobile device when the visiting PTT/M equipped mobile device is registered. Neither Westman nor any of the other cited references disclose or suggest these limitations.

Regarding claims 2-5, 7-9, 11-14 and 16-18, Applicant submits that these claims are dependent on one of independent claims 1 and 10 and, therefore, are patentable at least for the same reasons noted previously regarding these independent claims.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that none of the cited references, taken alone or in any proper combination, disclose, suggest or render obvious the limitations in the combination of each of claims 1-5, 7-14 and 16-18 of the present application. Applicant respectfully requests that these rejections be withdrawn and that these claims be allowed.

Claims 6 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Westman in view of Gourraud et al. and Tranchina et al. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections and submits that these claims are dependent on one of independent claims 1 and 10 and, therefore, are patentable at least for the same reasons noted previously regarding these independent claims. Applicant submits that Tranchina et al. does not overcome the substantial defects noted previously regarding Westman and Gourraud et al.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that none of the cited references, taken alone or in any proper combination, disclose, suggest or render obvious the limitations in the combination of each of claims 6 and 15 of the present application. Applicant respectfully requests that these rejections be withdrawn and that these claims be allowed.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that claims 1-6 and 10-15 are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of such claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner wishes to discuss any aspects of this amendment, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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